



**Betty Jaques,
Baie-D'Urfé's 8th centenarian**

2016 was a difficult year for many of the people I know. Many saw loved ones' health take a turn for the worse with some even having to mourn their siblings, parents, children and long-time friends.

I cannot think of a better way to start my 2017 mayor's columns than to talk about the life of our most recent centenarian. While most of us may not live such a long, rich life, it is a reminder that we are all aging and that we should not take our loved ones for granted.

Annie Elizabeth Jaques, better known as Betty, was born on September 25th 1916 in Toronto. The youngest of three, she had two older brothers. In her thirties, she came to Montréal to teach art at Trafalgar's private school for girls, meeting colleagues like the artist Anne Douglas Savage. Miss Jaques also worked with Arthur Lismer (member of the Group of Seven) at the Montréal Museum before becoming a teacher in the Education department of McGill, at MacDonald College. She eventually became the Head of the Department for Art Education, responsible for the training of future art teachers. She held this position for more than 25 years, in the days when there were few, if any, women department heads at McGill. Many of her students kept in touch with her over the years. Although she never married, nor had children of her own, she considered her students as her children.

She designed and built her house in Baie-D'Urfé in 1950 and it was then that her aging mother came to live with her. After her mother died and the education department moved into town, she rented out her house and moved into town. She came back to the Baie-D'Urfé house after retiring in 1981, at the age of 65.

In 1969, she bought an old farmhouse, which she named "Applecroft", situated just outside the tiny village of Georgeville. Over the years she made many

renovations, renting it out for the winters and spending spring, summer and fall there each year. During these years, she divided her time between taking care of her mother and later a dear friend and colleague, until their eventual deaths. Then she threw herself into her many passions— painting, sewing, making slipcovers and beautifully embroidered curtains, gardening, cooking, making jellies and jams from all the various berries she grew, selling them, and giving the money to Christ Church Cathedral. She loved having her friends and



former students come to visit her at Applecroft and loved to cook for them. She also loved to travel and visited China and Northern Canada amongst other trips. She had boundless energy and was always on the go.

To this day, she still owns Applecroft, although her niece and nephew manage it for her, and see to it that she still spends most of the summer there each year. She has been a member of the Georgeville Artists' group for many years and was still exhibiting up to about age 93. While watercolours are her favourite medium, she has also made the most charming embroidered and appliquéd pictures which were always snapped up quickly at the annual art show/sale.

About six years ago, she sold her home on St. Andrews and moved into the Maxwell Senior's Residence. She continues to get together with close friends for holiday dinners, birthdays and games of Scrabble.

All in all, Miss Betty Jaques has led a very full and productive life, having touched many people's lives over her many years.

Adapted from a text provided by Mrs. Frances Olsen

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Don't forget to sign up for the series of monthly nutrition and lunch events for seniors offered by the McGill School of Human Nutrition.





I'm continuing my short biographies of some of our longest serving volunteers. Although many of our citizens know these individuals very well, we have newer residents who may not be aware of how long our culture of volunteering has been.

Ada Colomb, born in Austria, had the roaming spirit at a very young age. She was seventeen years old when she and a girlfriend announced to their families that they wanted to go to North America. Her Dad, not unexpectedly, nixed that plan. But anyone who knows Ada very well, also knows that she can be very strong willed. At eighteen she left for Great Britain for a year. Her education in hotel management, as well as speaking English, German, French and a bit of Italian helped her career. Her next voyage brought her to Quebec City and then to Montréal. She had a brief summer in Lake Louise and then back to Montréal to work at Expo '67. She became a Canadian citizen and soon met and married Chuck Colomb.

Ada and Chuck moved to Baie-D'Urfé in 1972. Her volunteering started right away when she joined BUCCA (Baie D'Urfé Charitable Campaign Agency) in 1973 going from door to door to collect donations with her young son Carlson in tow. She became Campaign Chair and worked tirelessly for this organization until 2016. Sadly, in recent years, BUCCA started slipping as an effective collection agency, mainly because an individual could easily donate to charities of their choice directly with their computers. They regrettably shut down their operations in 2016. Ada had been at the helm of BUCCA for 43 years.

However this wasn't the only contribution of time Ada has offered to the town. When her son Carlson turned five, Ada decided to volunteer in the Scouting association. Although Carlson has grown up with two children of his own, Ada loves working with young children and has remained very active with this organization. Other areas that have kept her busy were the Library, a Skating Club, Rendez-Vous, and the Citizens' Association. As a member of the CA she is the founder, organizer, baker, and dishwasher of the Mothers' Day Breakfast. She has always participated in the Baie D'Urfé parade, Baie D'Urfé Days, and the awarding of the Nancy Friedman Award for the three Baie-D'Urfé schools. Ada is the type of person that when you say you need help, "no" is not part of

her vocabulary, and she is there to do whatever task needs attention.

I asked this hard working volunteer what she wanted for Baie D'Urfé; her answer was "to be a safe and happy place". What's her favorite expression? "CHUCK!"

There are also other volunteer organizations that should be commended for their awesome contribution. The VCops (*Volunteer Citizens on patrol*). This volunteer group has patrolled Baie D'Urfé for an uninterrupted 2014 days since June 2011. They, as well as the Rescue Squad, are always in touch with the police of PDQ-01 when they feel the need arises, and also, in return the police will advise them to be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles.

Also, the Auxiliary Coast Guard provides valuable service during the summer months. I think many citizens were very relieved to see them when either they ran out of gas, or were stuck in some of the shallow waters along our town shores.

Thank-you Library volunteers for keeping our Library as available as possible for our citizens during the Holiday season, and thank-you to the leaders of Clog dancing, line dancing, Scouts, and Brownies.

Thank-you Ada. Aren't we lucky!



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Environmental Review

Time to assess

In 2016, the Town offered new services to its citizens, especially related to our waste management strategy.

At first, the Town of Baie-D'Urfé invited its citizens to drop off their electronic waste directly at the Public Works building. As well, during the pick-up of bulky items, electronic products are separated from the rest and sent via the best path for recycling with EPRA-Quebec.

This not for profit organization is officially commissioned and recognized to coordinate and manage the recovery of electronic waste introduced on the Quebec market. The advantages are the following:

- Old electronics are kept out of landfills;
- It Prevents them from being illegally exported or handled by irresponsible recyclers;
- Valuable resources are recovered, recycled and put back into the manufacturing supply chain;
- The town receives a refund.

Electronics recovered in Baie-D'Urfé in 2016:
4860 kilograms | Refund: \$1066

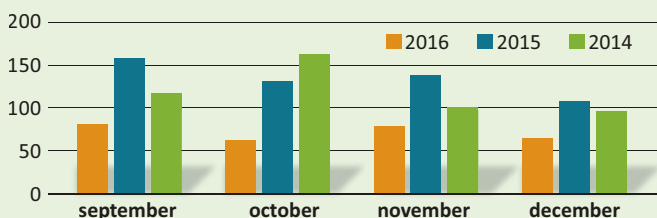
Organic Waste:
MEGA SUCCESS : 242 tons in 4 months!

The implementation of the organic waste collection program was definitively the biggest project in environment this past year and was an **AMAZING SUCCESS!!!**

Between the start of the program (September 8) to the end of december 2016, 242 TONS were diverted from landfills, and processed as compost!

This had a direct impact on the quantity of household garbage which significantly decreased as can be seen in the comparatives of the table below:

TONS OF GARBAGE PER MONTH SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORGANIC WASTE COLLECTION



News from the Industrial Park

Provigo reduces its environmental footprint with success

Last fall, Provigo started to reduce its waste-to-landfill by introducing an organic waste management program.

Francis Deroo, owner of Provigo Baie D'Urfé, explained that his decision from a citizen's stand point was a logical one to make and that, as a previous mayor he was aware that developing a long term vision was very important. Going in that direction was a definite yes but he wanted to go further by not only reducing the amount of waste ending up in landfills but he wanted the process to have an added value. The transformed waste had to be reused.



The challenges of implementing an organic waste collection program in a business lie in how to reconcile environmental responsibility with employee support and participation, space, odor control and organizational efficiency.

Mr. Deroo turned to an organic waste recovery service that not only transforms organic waste into products like compost but who's facility recovers heat from the boiler combustion gases and uses that energy in its own manufacturing processes. This clean and renewable energy source is called biogas.

So with 100% of the Provigo staff on board, the new collection system fit seamlessly into their daily operations. Every morning staff make the rounds and fill the containers with organic waste. Once a week, the 8 filled containers are collected and the organic waste is sent for composting.

The impact was positive. Collection of waste-to-landfill went from one garbage collection every 4 weeks to one every 6 weeks. Within 2 months it was quickly noticed that this program was a success.

Now Provigo has to decide whether it will add more containers or increase its collection frequency.

Proud of their contribution to the Town of Baie-D'Urfé's organic waste management program, Provigo is amongst a handful of businesses that made the conscious choice in becoming a responsible commercial citizen. **Congratulation!**

What's New

REMINDER - SMOG DAYS

The use of fireplaces and wood-burning stoves are prohibited during smog advisories.

SECTION 14.1

The use of a solid-fuel-burning heating device is prohibited when a smog warning issued by **Info-Smog** is in effect for the Montréal region, except when an electrical power outage affecting the Town has lasted for three hours or more.

SMOG WARNINGS

Smog warnings are issued by *Environment and Climate Change Canada* through the **Info-Smog** program.



SUMMER EMPLOYMENT - STUDENTS

We are seeking students to perform various tasks with the Public Works team of the Town during the summer period, from **May to August**.



Interested candidates are requested to submit their resume by regular mail, in person at Town Hall or by e-mail before **Friday March 17, 2017**. All details on our website at:

www.baie-durfe.qc.ca

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BAIE-D'URFÉ LANGUAGE GROUP

FOR NEWCOMERS

All Baie-D'Urfé residents wishing to learn English or increase their fluency level are welcome to join the Baie-D'Urfé Newcomers' Language Group for free English lessons, **Wednesdays between 1 and 2pm** at the Baie-D'Urfé library office downstairs (20551 Lakeshore Road). Classes will start on **February 22nd**. Complimentary tea will be served to all participants.

For questions or comments:

baie-durfelanguagegroup@localcommunities.ca

BAIE-D'URFÉ新居民语言小组

所有Baie-D'Urfé新居民, 如果希望学习和提高英语水平的, 都欢迎加入Baie-D'Urfé新居民语言小组, 每周三下午1-2点在Baie-D'Urfé图书馆 (20551湖滨道, 为您提供免费的英语课程。课程将于2月22日开课, 地点在图书馆楼下的办公室, 同时提供免费茶水。这么好的学习交流机会, 请尽快通知您的家人和邻居。如果您有任何问题或意见, 请随时写信给我们

baie-durfelanguagegroup@localcommunities.ca

2017 MUNICIPAL TAXES

DUE DATES

1ST INSTALMENT:
February 23, 2017

2ND INSTALMENT:
May 25, 2017

CAUTION ON THE LAKE!

Residents are free to venture onto the frozen lake but caution is always advised.

Never go for a walk alone or with a young child on a sled when the weather has been mild for several days. Although there is no regulation on this matter, use your personal judgment to determine whether the ice is safe or not. In some areas, the ice may be thinner than it seems especially when temperatures remains near zero.

TAI CHI & PICKLEBALL UNDER THE DOME

2 new weekly activities scheduled also on Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Multi-Sport Complex, 570 boul. Morgan (North of the 20).

Guided Tai Chi session & Pickleball 101 (mix of Tennis, Badminton, Ping Pong) in the basketball area.

**COME ONE,
COME ALL !!!!**

An initiative from the
Municipal Council of
Baie-D'Urfé.

